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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: December 11, 2003
Meeting Time: 9:00 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St.,
Room 125
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 5

Members Present: Steve Baranyk; Jeff Brouger; Donald Cook; Thomas Sponsel; Larry T. Kennedy.

Members Absent: Mark GiaQuinta; Jerry Payne.

The Chair, Mr. Steve Baranyk, opened the meeting at 9:11 a.m. The minutes of the December 4th meeting were accepted as corrected. Mr. Baranyk told the Subcommittee that he plans to have the Task Teams formed by the end of January 2004.

1. Chair's Report

The Chair reported on activities since the last Subcommittee meeting on November 12. Mr. Baranyk told the Subcommittee that he and Mr. Kennedy met with Department of Correction (DOC) Commissioner Evelyn Ridley-Turner and members of her staff to plan their presentation to the Subcommittee on December 18. He reiterated that this Subcommittee has been specifically asked by Governor Kernan to include the DOC in the review process. Based on the information presented at this meeting, he said that they are faced with an enormous challenge.

On Wednesday, December 10, Mr. Baranyk said that he met with Vince Griffin, Vice-President of Environmental and Energy Policy, and Mark Lawrence, Vice-President of Corporate Development, of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce to discuss the work of the Subcommittee

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and to solicit their support and direct involvement. He said that he will be meeting with them again on December 23 to continue this effort.

Mr. Baranyk said that he also met with Dr. Bill Beranek who is heading up the IDEM Task Team. He is developing a detailed work plan for this effort and has begun the task of recruiting Task Team members.

Mr. Baranyk continued by saying that the Personnel Task Team development effort needs more attention and he plans to provide that in the next few days. He said that Sean Fahey of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has responded to the list of issues raised at the meeting with the DNR last week and that he will be following up with him. Mr. Baranyk said that he also will be following up with the Department of Transportation (INDOT) on the formation of that Task Team.

Mr. Baranyk met with Senators Ford and Gard through their legislative assistants. Senator Gard is very active in the environmental affairs area and chairs a committee on that issue. Senator Ford has a keen interest in I.T. and should be helpful to that Task Team.

2. Chair's Intentions

Mr. Baranyk said that with the Subcommittee's support, he will continue these efforts to move our work forward with each appropriate state agency. He also said that all Subcommittee members are most welcome to participate and are encouraged to take a leadership role.

3. State Agency Support

The Chair once again thanked all of the state agency employees with whom he has worked and who all continue to be most helpful and supportive of the work of the Subcommittee.

4. Department of Commerce

The Chair recognized Mr. Tim Monger, Executive Director of the Department of Commerce, for his presentation. Mr. Monger distributed two documents: Exhibit A (State of Indiana, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, FY 2003-2005 Biennial Budget Request) and Exhibit B (Indiana Department of Commerce - Economic Regions). From these two exhibits, Mr. Monger made his presentation. Mr. Monger introduced Mr. Greg Hicks, Deputy Executive Director of the Department of Commerce. Mr. Hicks told the Subcommittee that legislation passed last year created a 24-member advisory group to review the Department of Commerce, similar to what this Subcommittee proposes to do. There was some discussion on the part of the Subcommittee on how to proceed if another entity is planning to do the same thing. The Chair said that there would be more discussions on this matter.

5. Department of Environmental Management

The Chair recognized Ms. Lori Kaplan, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), for her presentation. Ms. Kaplan introduced members of her staff. She then distributed five exhibits which constituted most of her testimony: Exhibit C (IDEM Organizational Chart), Exhibit D (list of Acronyms), Exhibit E (IDEM Presentation for the General Government Subcommittee), Exhibit F (list of IDEM's 2003 major accomplishments), and Exhibit G (Annual State of the Indiana Environment Report).

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.